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Summary

The category now contains:

Section A. – Participation Sanctions which addresses sanctions for clients who are not participating as required in WorkFirst activities

Section B. – Child SafetyNet Payments which provides policy and procedure for providing benefits to children when the parents continue to refuse to participate in WorkFirst or who have exhausted their TANF time limit.

Section A. – Participation Sanctions

WAC 388-310-1600 Amended to change the penalty rules. .Every time a participant who is able to comply with WorkFirst work requirements but refuses to comply without a good reason, will enter sanction status. Each time a participant enters sanction status the penalties are more severe.

Also the sanction cure period is different depending on the number of times a participant has been in sanction and how long they have been in sanction.

Section B. – Child SafetyNet Payments

WAC 388-310-1650 New WAC for Child SafetyNet Payment A family will get a Child SafetyNet Payment instead of a regular TANF/SFA time limit extension if:

- Any adult has been getting TANF/SFA for over 60 months, **and**
- Someone in the household is refusing to participate or in sanction status because they are not exempt and have refused to do their WorkFirst requirements without a good

reason.

The grant will be sent to a protective payee who will pay the families rent and utilities and spend the remainder on the children's needs.

The cure is one full calendar month of participation. Once cured, the family is then in sanction status.

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